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SUBJECT: ANDEAN PACT: FINANCE MINISTERS JOIN COMMISSION

DELIBERATIONS

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1. THE ANDEAN PACT COMMISSION, WHICH BEGAN MEETING FEBRUARY 27 IN AN EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE INTEGRATION CRISIS. HAS NOW BEEN JOINED BY FINANCE MINISTERS FROM ALL PACT COUNTRIES BUT CHILE--A DEVELOPMENT WHICH HAS BEEN GREETED AS REASON FOR OPTIMISM BY MANY JUNTA WORKERS BUT WHICH ALSO UNDERSCORES THE GRAVITY OF THE CRISIS.

2. COLOMBIAN FINMIN RAMIREZ OCAMPO HAS FILLED VACANCY AS CHIEF OF COLOMBIAN DELEGATION AND (CONSISTENT WITH ROTATIONAL SYSTEM) HAS BEEN NAMED COMMISSION PRESIDENT FOR DURATION OF SESSION, DELIBERATIONS THUS FAR HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEEN SHROUDED IN SECRECY. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT COMMISSION DECIDED EARLY ON THAT PROGRESS COULD BE MADE ONLY IF VARIOUS ISSUES WERE TREATED BY SMALL GROUPS. COMMISSION MET FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, BUT NOT SUNDAY OR MONDAY.

- 3. MEANTIME, GROUP ACTIVITY HAS BEEN INTENSE, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO LEARN WHAT HEADWAY, IF ANY, HAS BEEN MADE. THERE IS A FEELING THAT A FONMIN MEETING MAY BE NECESSARY SHORTLY (PERUVIAN FONMIN DE LA FLOR HAS MADE PREPARATIONS TO HOLD MEETING IN AREQUIPA, SHOULD IT TRANSPIRE). AS TO JUNTA ELECTIONS, IT APPEARS THAT CHILE MAY OBJECT TO THE CANDIDACY OF PERU'S LUIS BARANDIARAN AND THAT DESPITE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REPORTED LIMA 1324 BOLIVIA MAY STILL BE ANGLING FOR THE CAF PRESIDENCY INSTEAD OF A SLOT IN THE JUNTA.
- 4. COMMENT: AT PRESENT, NO ONE SEEMS WILLING TO PREDICT HOW LONG THE CURRENT SESSION WILL CONTINUE OR HOW THE ISSUES WILL BE RESOLVED, IF AT ALL. IN AN ARRIVAL INTERVIEW, BOLIVIAN FINMIN CARLOS CALVO WAS ASKED HOW HE VIEWED THE PROSPECTS. HE ANSWERED, "I WOULD SAY WITH MORE HOPE THAN OPTIMISM." EMBASSY INCLINED TO SHARE CALVO'S VIEW. DEAN

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